

LLANFAIR MATHAFARN EITHAF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Councils meeting held at Goronwy Owen Memorial Hall, Benllech on Monday, 26 September, 2016, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Mr I Williams, (Chair), (Benllech A), Ms G M Davies, (Benllech A), Mr P Day, (Benllech B), Mr K F Griffiths, (Benllech A), Mrs W Owen, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs J Peers, (Llanbedrgoch), Mrs D Roberts, (Benllech B).

69 APOLOGIES.

Received – apologies for absence from the following :- Mr J Cotterell, (Benllech A), Mr G Harker-Roberts, (Brynteg), Mr R O Jones, (Benllech A), Miss N Williams, (Benllech B).

70 MINUTES.

The Chair signed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 22 August 2016.

FOOTPATHS ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

71 ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL – RESPONSE TO HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Submitted for information – correspondence received from the Isle of Anglesey County Council responding to matters referred to it by the Community Council.

72 VARIOUS HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Reported by members – various matters requiring attention.

CORRESPONDENCE

73 BENLLECH PLAYGROUP.

Submitted for information – letter from Benllech Playgroup thanking the Community Council for a financial grant.

74 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES.

Submitted for information – letter from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales acknowledging the Community Council’s letter stating that no payments had been made to members during 2015/2016.

75 BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES.

Submitted – communication from the Boundaries Commission for Wales stating initial proposals for changes to Parliamentary constituencies in Wales. It suggested the joining of the Ynys Mon constituency with part of the Arfon constituency, principally to meet the requirement of an average of 73,000 electors in each constituency.

RESOLVED – responding to the initial proposals by opposing the initial proposals for reasons of historic and geographic importance.

76 WELSH OMBUDSMAN – CODE OF CONDUCT.

Submitted for information – acknowledgment from the Ombudsman for Wales of the Community Council’s letter which confirmed the adoption of the new Code of Conduct and the receipt of bilingual copies thereof.

PAYMENTS AND ACCOUNTS

77 BILLS

RESOLVED – to pay the following bills :-

Edwards Accounting	Information preparation	£30-00
Eira Fon Parry	Translation service	£56-00
Lingo Cyf	Hire of translation equipment	£36-00
CCTV	Payment of second invoice	£20,216-23

78 ACCOUNTS

Submitted – account showing details of payments made by the Clerk (including those made in accordance with the Council’s current Scheme of Delegation) in August, 2016.

RESOLVED – to note the account and approve the payments.

79 COUNCIL'S BUDGET

Submitted – details of the Council's receipts and payments as compared with its budget for the period from April 1, 2016 to the end of August, 2016.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the details.

GENERAL MATTERS

80 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS.

Members' attention was drawn to an article in the journal of the Society of Local Council Clerks which referred to the 2015/2016 Audit and particularly to the theme of the 2016/2017 Audit which will concentrate on Payroll and Members' Code of Conduct matters. Consequently each member will be required to sign a declaration that they will abide with the new Code which was adopted by them in March 2016.

RESOLVED – that members of the Community Council sign a list conforming to the terms of the new Code of Conduct adopted by them in March 2016.

81 CCTV UPGRADE.

It was explained that the first half of the upgrade work was proceeding satisfactorily, the new cameras had been fixed within the village section and the image receiver installed at the Benllech Police Station. North Wales Police were complementary regarding the quality of the images which had indeed resulted in crime prevention occurrences already. Some work needs completion, principally sign placements in appropriate locations within the village that a CCTV system is in operation. Also a review of the Community Council's existing Code of Practice relating to the use of images as the legislation has been amended since the original system was installed.

The Clerk confirmed that all work to date had been paid from the Community Councils funds. The second tranche of work, extending the upgrade to the beach area will commence in April 2017.

82 CAER BERLLAN PLAYGROUND.

The vandalism at the Caer Berllan playground, specifically, the safety surfacing at the roundabout was discussed. This involves the hacking and removal of the rubber safety surfacing leaving bare stones visible.

The Clerk confirmed that the Police are keeping watch as far as possible, however, the vandalism continues and the damage is now the size of a football.

MacVenture of Llangefni are awaited shortly to repair the safety surfacing surrounding a number of the attractions following the annual inspection by Playsafety Ltd, the cost being several hundred pounds. Members felt that if the vandalism continued then it would show on the CCTV recordings.

83 BENLLECH LIBRARY.

The Clerk reported events from a meeting held at Amlwch to discuss the future of Libraries on Anglesey. It was explained that the Libraries at Holyhead and Llangefni would continue as part of the Isle of Anglesey County Council as they continue to meet statutory requirements.

The Chair of the meeting introduced Dr Martin Price a consultant with wide experience in the Third sector who had been instrumental in the transfer of a number of Libraries to community groups. Dr Price gave a snapshot of his background and moved forward to collect general information from all the representatives at the meeting.

Moving forward, the next step will be holding a Workshop to assist local Councils and Communities to progress the transfer to Community Libraries.

84 TOILETS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS AREA.

The situation surrounding the Isle of Anglesey County Councils offer to transfer the toilets within the area to the Community Council under a 60 year lease at an annual rental of £1 per annum was discussed. The County Council were also prepared to pay during the first year of the tenancy a sum equivalent to the annual cleaning cost of the toilets. A decision had to be made by 30 September 2016.

Members were of the opinion that the toilet situated in Benllech Square needed renovation work whilst there continued some uncertainty regarding the rates position of the beach toilet. A significant problem existed with the sewerage system of the Red Wharf Bay toilet.

RESOLVED – not to accept the County Council’s offer at this point although an interest to do so remains subject to the above building improvements and resolving other issues.

PLANNING

85 APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the following decisions were made on the planning applications before the Council :-

1. Grant :

30C336E	Golden Sunset Caravan Park, Benllech.
30C771A	Llys yr Onnen, Llanbedrgoch.
30C460A	Glandwr, Bangor Road, Benllech
30C78G	7 Cae Cali, Brynteg.

86 DECISIONS

Reported for information - recent planning decisions made by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

The meeting concluded at 7-45 pm.